Militant's threat to passengers of Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus

3635. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:
SHRI LALIT SURI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the militant groups of Jammu and Kashmir have issued death threat to all those passengers who travel by the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have provided foolproof security to the bus passengers;

(c) the total number of passengers who travelled by this bus; and

(d) the travellers who took back their names due to threat from the militants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Elaborate security arrangements were made for the protection of the intending passengers and the route to be covered by the bus from Srinagar to Kaman post, Uri. Security Forces were backed by intelligence agencies to thwart evil designs of terrorists.

(c) and (d) On 7th April 2005, 21 passengers boarded the bus initially. However, an elderly couple dropped out of the bus en-route claiming ill health, leaving 19 passengers to complete the journey.

In the second Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus on 21st April 2005, a total of 38 passengers travelled out of whom 26 were new passengers from our side and 12 persons were returning to PoK.

Promotion of Teachers in NDMC

3636. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Assistant Teachers without B.Ed. degree in N.D.M.C. have been promoted as T.G.T. and if so, what is the number of promotions during the last 3 years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Nursery teachers even with B.Ed. degree are not being promoted as Trained Graduate Teachers and if so, what are the reasons for discrimination against them; and

(c) by when these teachers are likely to be promoted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) No assistant Teacher without the degree of Bachelor of Education has been promoted as Trained Graduate Teacher (TGT) in schools under the administrative control of New Delhi Municipal Council.

(b) and (c) As per Recruitment Rules for the posts of Trained Graduate Teacher (TGT), Assistant Teachers possessing the degree of Bachelor of Education with five years service in the grade are eligible for promotion as Trained Graduate Teachers (TGT). Nursery Teachers possessing the degree of Bachelor of Education are not eligible for promotion as Trained Graduate Teachers. They are eligible for promotion as Head Mistress (Nursery) only on seniority-cum-fitness basis.

Custodial deaths

3637. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of increasing deaths in police custody, if so, how many cases were reported during the last 3 years; the State-wise details thereof;

(b) what action has been taken against the guilty police officers and what steps have taken to discourage such incidents in future;

(c) whether Government have any plan to change the image of police and make them more responsible to society; if so the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether there is a plan to amend the police code of conduct, if so, the details thereof?